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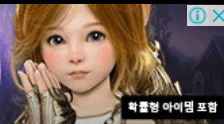


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## Prostitute



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**Prostitution** is a prevalent phenomenon worldwide, with brothels existing from the Northern Kingdoms to the farthest reaches of the globe. Prostitutes often go unnoticed, but some have managed to stand out and carve a name for themselves in history. High-class prostitutes, known as **courtesans**, are particularly noteworthy, as they not only offer sex-related services but also companionship with a touch of sophistication and culture. Many even act, from time to time, as spies for various intelligence services or criminal groups. Although less common, male prostitutes, known as gigolos, also exist.

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Prostitution or its regional equivalent likely has existed since the dawn of human civilization on [the continent](#). Archaeological excavations carried out in the region of [Barsa](#) mention the presence of prostitutes, often associated with religious temples dedicated to love deities. These early brothels likely served a variety of purposes, including providing sexual services to pilgrims and soldiers, and possibly even functioning as a form of social control for unmarried women.

Other races, such as [dwarves](#), [gnomes](#), and elves, did not practice prostitution in their societies. The only known case of non-humans engaging in prostitution are what witchers and scholars classify as goblinoids. However, it is not known if they adopted prostitution after their interaction with humans, similar to how [orcs](#) adopted the goblin language for their own use.

Regarding the Northern Kingdoms, it is known that the societies prior to the arrival of Nordlings, the Dauks, and Wozgors, since they were nomadic, didn't practice prostitution, as Dauk society revolved around flexibility and adaptation. Marriages and partnerships were often temporary, formed for strategic alliances. While not exactly prostitution, there were probably instances where sexual favors were exchanged for goods, protection, or influence.



Imke, a famous prostitute and later courtesan

Wozgor society, for their part, at least in the early days, scholars theorized that it was more hierarchical, with a strong emphasis on physical prowess. Sex was likely seen as a way to solidify power dynamics, with dominant males having access to multiple partners, something eventually ingrained in some form in other societies such as the one of the Skellige Islands after the arrival of the Nordlings. There might have been a small number of captured women or slaves forced into sexual servitude in wars between them, but the concept of organized prostitution wouldn't have existed.

Courtesans are a more recent development, coinciding with the arrival of the Nordlings and the imposition of feudalism. The creation and growth of cities brought a new need – entertainment and companionship for the wealthy elite. This created a space for a new class of female professionals: the courtesans. Unlike the prostitutes catering to soldiers and travelers, courtesans offer a more refined experience. They are educated, witty, and often skilled in music, poetry, and dance. Their services included not just sex but also intellectual conversation and a sense of social refinement.

The more liberal views of the Nordlings also brought about the male counterpart of prostitutes, known as gigolos. However, unlike courtesans who found a niche within a specific social context, the path of gigolos is far more precarious. They operate on the fringes of society and are constantly vulnerable to blackmail, violence, and accusations of immorality. Their careers are usually short-lived, ending either in social ostracism or a swift disappearance.

Despite the stigma, gigolos do find clientele. Wealthy, bored wives seek companionship and discreet affairs with younger, more attentive men, while some homosexual and bisexual men, especially wealthy and powerful mages, also patronize gigolos.

## Notable prostitutes

- Amrynn
- Arnesse
- Arseleta
- Asia Zodwa
- Becu
- Belili
- Belle
- Bertha
- Birdie
- Candy
- Chiyo
- Cognati
- Derae
- Demaretta of Gulet
- Estelle Honorina
- Harinder Al-Ghazzawi
- Imke
- Isi Amaya Orman
- Julia
- Licking Lucy
- Lumusi Favre
- Madeleine
- Malka
- Maria
- **Mercia**
- Merle
- Moira Alise
- Nana
- Narcissa
- Nell
- Oholah
- Rahab
- Rakel Donella
- Satine
- Su
- Suzy
- Sweet Nettie
- Thais
- Thandiwe Docia
- Theodora
- Thassi
- Tristeza
- Umrao
- Viola
- Whistling Wendy
- Xica
- Zareena
- Zaza

## Equivalent to the occupation of prostitute in other parts of the world

- Almeah [**Hannu**]
- Deuki [**Barsa**]
- Demimonde [**Vinland**]
- Kasbi [**Skepimos**]
- Oiran [**Tuyotuki Islands**]
- Tawaif [**Melukka**]
- Yiji [**Bia Thin**]

## Similar to the occupation of prostitute

- [Socialite](#)
- [Cocotte](#)
- [Bacha Baz](#)

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## Trivia

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